

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25, 2014

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Information

From: ANDRE BOUTROS  
Executive Director

Subject: **2014 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

## **ISSUE:**

The Active Transportation Program was created in 2013 to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The Active Transportation Program consolidates various transportation programs, including the federal Transportation Alternatives Program, the state Bicycle Transportation Account, and the state and federal Safe Routes to Schools programs, into a single program.

The Commission adopted guidelines at its March 20, 2014 meeting for purposes of adopting an initial two-year Active Transportation Program funded with \$360 million for fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16. The deadline to apply for this first programming cycle was May 21, 2014.

The Commission received approximately 770 project applications requesting an estimated \$1 billion in Active Transportation Program funds.

With the assistance of a multidisciplinary advisory group, applications will be evaluated for the statewide and rural/small urban competitive components of the Active Transportation Program. Staff intends to release program recommendations by August 8, 2014, for adoption by the Commission at the August 20, 2014 Commission meeting.

Projects not selected for programming in the statewide competitive component will be forwarded to the MPOs for consideration in the respective large MPO run competitions. Staff expects to bring forward MPO programming recommendations at the November 12, 2014 Commission meeting.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. Projects funded by the Active Transportation Program must be selected through a competitive process and meet one or more of the following program goals:

- Increase the proportion of biking and walking trips,
- Increase safety for non-motorized users,
- Increase mobility for non-motorized users,
- Advance the efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals,
- Enhance public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity through the use of projects eligible for Safe Routes to Schools Program funding,
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits (25% of program), and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

As required by Senate Bill 99, a multidisciplinary advisory group was formed to assist in evaluating the project applications received. The advisory group consists of stakeholder volunteers with expertise in bicycling and pedestrian transportation, including Safe Routes to Schools projects, and projects benefiting disadvantaged communities. Volunteers were assigned to one of eight teams to provide for geographical representation by large MPOs, RTPAs, small urban, rural areas, and non-governmental agencies. Each team is facilitated by a Caltrans representative. Attached is the multidisciplinary advisory group and team assignments.

Project applications will be rated and ranked on the basis of applicant responses to the below criteria:

- Potential for increased walking and bicycling,
- Potential for reducing pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries,
- Cost effectiveness,
- Improved public health,
- Benefit to disadvantaged communities,
- Use of California Conservation Corps or qualified community conservation corps, and
- Applicant's performance on past grants.

Upon completion of the project evaluation process, Staff will prepare a programming recommendation for the statewide (\$180 million) and rural/small urban (\$36 million) competitive components. As required by Assembly Bill 101, the programming recommendation will include a minimum of \$24 million of safe routes to school projects within the statewide competitive component. Staff will also ensure that no less than 25 percent of the programming recommendation for each component benefits disadvantaged communities.

In accordance with the program guidelines, projects located within the large urban regions not selected in the statewide competitive component will be considered for project selection in the MPO competitive component (\$144 million).

#### Attachment

2014 Active Transportation Program Project Evaluation Committee

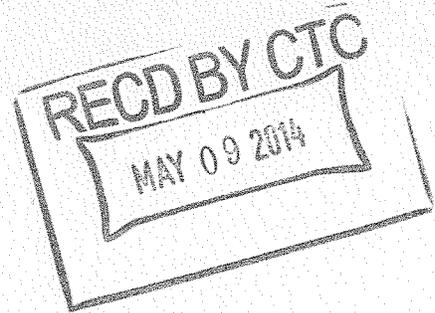
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May 7, 2014

RE: Downtown Lake Siskiyou Trail

To whom it may concern:

My name is Suzanne Bentley and I am the General Manager at Mount Shasta Resort. Our resort includes an 18-hole golf course, banquet and meeting facilities, chalet rentals, tennis/pickle ball courts, snack bar, day spa, restaurant and lounge. We are a destination resort located next to Lake Siskiyou, in Mount Shasta, California, and receive over 10,000 visitors each year.

Our organization fully supports a trail between the city of Mount Shasta and Lake Siskiyou. Current conditions make it difficult for our visitors to easily and safely move between the Lake Siskiyou area and downtown businesses. Likewise, there is not safe access for the inhabitants of Mount Shasta to reach Lake Siskiyou. A trail from downtown to Lake Siskiyou would be beneficial to both the inhabitants of Mount Shasta and its many tourists who contribute heavily to our general fund.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 530-926-3030, extension, 184.

Sincerely,

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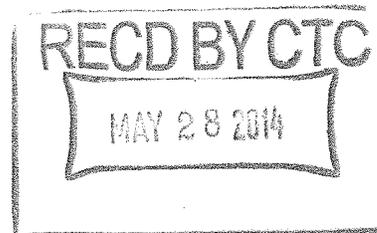
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May 21, 2014

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**RE: Caltrans Active Transportation Program – Support for Lake County  
Mt. Konocti Multi-Use Trail Planning, Design & Construction Project**

Dear Chair Guardino:

Lake County has requested my support for its application for grant funding under Caltrans' Active Transportation Program for the Mt. Konocti Multi-Use Trail Planning, Design & Construction Project. This important multi-use trail project would allow non-motorized public access to Mt. Konocti County Park amenities, and would be a significant health and economic benefit to Lake County.

The Mt. Konocti Multi-Use Trail Planning, Design & Construction Project is vital for Lake County because it will inspire healthy lifestyles for people of all ages, and promote opportunities for physical activity with the goal of reducing obesity, diabetes, and related conditions. Lake County has a history of ranking among the lowest in the state for the majority of health indicators. This multi-use trail project will help the County address some critical health-related challenges and promote outdoor recreation by expanding non-motorized travel modes for bicyclists, hikers, equestrians, and persons with disabilities.

As the crown jewel and icon of Lake County, Mt. Konocti is not only essential to the County's regional trail plan but also plays a key role for the local economies and promotion of health initiatives. It is my understanding this grant would provide funding for the planning, engineering, design, and construction of this multi-use trail project and create safe passing areas for everyday trail users. The Mt. Konocti Multi-Use Trail Planning, Design & Construction Project would provide a method of access to the park which would be entirely in a public right-of-way, leading to a historical cabin and three summit destinations with the opportunity to learn more about the cultural history of the mountain and surrounding areas.

I support this application and hope that the Lake County's grant request will be given full and fair consideration consistent with applicable laws and regulations. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact my Fairfield district office at 707-438-1822.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI  
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